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Meeting: **Esquimalt Curling Club Board of Directors**

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Location: Archie Browning Lounge

Attendees: Al Teasdale – ECC President/Senior Men’s; Karen Hoban – ECC Secretary/Sunday Funday; Pam Knysh – ECC Treasurer; Steve Peckford – Curl BC Rep; Len Hanishcuk – Sponsorship; Matthew Ford – Wheelchair; Ned Easton – Rebels; Janet Bell- Friday Afternoon Ladies; Graeme McLaren- Senior Mixed; Ian Forbes – Senior Select; Brad Walsh – Monday/Wednesday Men’s; Rachelle Perry – Youth League; Judy Scott – Golden Girls; Dianna McIntosh – Monday Afternoon Ladies; Torben Wilson - Doubles

1. Call to Order

President, Al Teasdale called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. There was a quorum present.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed by email on January 14, 2026.

Motion: [Accept the January 20, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda as circulated.](#)

Moved/2nd: Dianna McIntosh/ Brad Walsh

Results: Approved without dissention

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the October 23, 2025 Board of Director’s Meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting.

Motion: [Accept the Minutes of October 23, 2025 Board of Director’s Meeting be adopted.](#)

Moved/2nd: Brad Walsh/ Toben Wilson

Results: Approved without dissention

4. Old Business

4.1. Provincial Championships (review)

- Final debrief with CurlIBC is scheduled for January 21
- Event went well; there were no major hiccups
- Attendance seemed lower than it should have been given the number of Victoria teams participating. 50/50 jackpots were also lower.
 - Speculate that streaming of all games and the dates of the competition may have contributed to lower numbers
 - Ticket price was also approximately 25% higher than last time
- Expenses were reduced by eliminating t-shirts for volunteers, no banquet for athletes, and scaling back the opening ceremonies.
- Bar sales were good.

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- CurlBC liked having Men's, Women's, and U20s in one facility. If they want to come back (as they hinted they would like to), will need to discuss the loss of a week of curling in the club.

4.2. Rock Replacement Committee

- Will start in the next few weeks
- A number of people have put their names forward to be on the committee

4.3. Rock Sanding

- Al Sutherland sharpened the rocks in November
- Curl BC sharpened them again for the U20 championships (single pass)
- Al with likely sharpen them one more time before the end of the season

5. **President's Report**

5.1. Provincial Championships

- Concession during championships generated over \$1600 (will go towards rock replacement)
- Peninsula Co-Op sponsorship was tied to a School Program, so students from Gorden Head elementary and Rockheights elementary schools will be attending try curling sessions at ECC on Wednesday and Thursday

5.2. Throw Rocks Not Shade (TRNS) League

- Started January 10 (1:30-3:30 pm)
- Sharing ice time with the wheelchair league, so practice ice limited on Saturdays to 12-1pm

5.3. Curling Fees Spreadsheets

- Reporting of new curlers that have joined since Nov is due before March 1.

6. **Treasurer's report**

- 100% of sponsorship money has been collected
- Pam looked into growth fund options for rock replacement funds. Unfortunately, interest rates have fallen to <1%, so not worth opening a new account
- Second Curl BC report due
- Request that leagues with outstanding fees due for replacement name tags pay these ASAP.

7. **Correspondence**

- n/a

8. **Advertising & Sponsorship Report**

- Lighthouse Brewing closing, therefore we are losing a sponsor. Len posted a thank you for their sponsorship on their Instagram.
 - Len will contact Philips Brewery about sponsorship (they are taking over Lighthouse's brands)
- Len already has some sponsors lined up for next year

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- Would like to have a sponsorship appreciation night in early October. Offer learn-to curl to sponsors and their staff. Need to confirm dates and numbers.

9. Curl BC Report

- n/a

10. New Business

10.1. Club Finale

- Historically ran the event as a club championship, but in recent years it has not been league champions attending, and some leagues have withdrawn last minute
- Last year, teams were scrambled and it went well
- Need a commitment from all leagues to send a team
- Prizes: gift cards
- Will continue to plan similar event to last year

10.2. Curler of the Year

- Need a nomination committee to consolidate nominations - Ian Forbes and Judy Scott volunteered
- Need to spread the word to club members

10.3. Election of Officers

- Al will stand as President for 1 more year
- Brad W has agreed to stand for Vice President
- Pam has 1 year left on 2 yr term as treasurer
- Karen – will continue as secretary unless someone else willing to take it on
- Steve will continue as director of Curl BC
- Len will continue as director of advertising & sponsorship

10.4. Grand Slam event

- An agreement has been signed for ECC to be host partner
- ECC required to supply 100 volunteers
- Will receive 100% of the 50/50 profits
- Has not been announced yet. Will likely be announced after the Olympics
- Tier 2 event offered to VCC, but business case is not very strong, so it may not go ahead
- Gary Lindsay, Al Sutherland, and Doug Muir have been the main instigators and would like to continue as the organizers.

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11. League Updates

13.1. Senior Men

- Bonspiel held after Provincial championships
- 12 competitive teams and 48 individuals in the rec division

13.2. Sunday Funda

- Couple weeks of round robin play remaining, then into 3 wks. of playoffs (3 pools)
- Funspiel on Feb 7 – friends & family, some non-curlers, play with fun rules

13.3. Doubles

- 7 teams, hoping for more next year
- Regular season complete, already played one game of double elimination play-offs
- AI asked how the club can promote the Doubles league? Perhaps play some games at club finale?

13.4. Senior Select

- 10 teams on each day
- Last day will be a skins game with a catered lunch

13.5. Wheelchair league

- Competitive team placed 2nd at championships in Richmond
- Have a good coach and will bring in support from Curl BC
- Curlers from Nanaimo coming to play at ECC
- New name: Victoria Accessible Curling Society

13.6. Golden Girls

- 3 teams, some new spares.
- Bonspiel February 3. Need 2 more teams to make 20 teams.

13.7. Monday Afternoon Ladies

- Teams redrawn for winter session
- Lots of spares, so up to 9 teams

13.8. Rebels

- Starting playoffs
- Lose a lot of dates due to bonspiels

13.9. Senior Mixed

- 10 teams, don't do a championship

13.10. Youth

- Two new curlers have signed up
- Rachele unable to go on the ice, so Jamie Miller has been leading the sessions with support from Ken Whitehead

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13.11. Monday/Wednesday Men's

- Bonspiel in November had 26 teams (biggest turnout since 2019)
- Was part of the Sweeper's Cup Challenge, so that may have resulted in a few more teams

13.12. Friday Ladies

- 2 round robins, only about 5 dates left

12. Next Meeting

- Thursday, February 19 at 7:00pm.

13. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn meeting.

Moved/2nd: Torben Wilson/ Steve Peckford

Results: Approved without dissention

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.